

**REMARKS**

This Second Supplemental Amendment supplements the Amendment submitted in the application on December 3, 2004, and the Supplemental Amendment submitted by facsimile on December 17, 2004. The amendments herein do not affect the claims which are now pending.

**Introduction For This Second Supplemental Amendment**

The present amendment provides replacement drawing sheets concerning Figures 1-8. A recent communication from the Patent Office prompted the Supplemental Amendment and this Second Supplemental Amendment. In particular, Applicant had filed the subject application electronically on April 28, 2004 with eight drawing sheets, Figures 1-8. To date, a Filing Receipt has not been received, but on December 13, 2004 the Patent Office issued a Notice to File Missing Parts which incorrectly noted "July 15, 2004" as the filing date. In fact July 15, 2004 was the date that replacement drawing sheets were submitted for publication.

In view of the information on the Notice to File Missing Parts, Applicant copied Figures 6-8 from a priority application that had been incorporated by reference, and submitted true copies of those figures to the Patent Office on December 17, 2004. There can be no question that Figures 6-8, by virtue of the incorporation by reference, are part of the subject application as filed electronically on April 28, 2004. Likewise, the flow diagrams of Figures 1-5, as amended by this Second Supplemental Amendment, illustrate the flow described in the specification as filed on April 28, 2004, and while not believed to be necessary to an understanding of the claimed invention, they can be derived therefrom.

The Patent Office error noted in the Notice to File Missing Parts is being addressed in a Petition being submitted under separate cover.

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**The Present Amendment To The Drawing Figures**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d), all changes to the drawings are explained in detail in the drawing amendment section of this paper. The drawing amendments are being made so that the textual labels within the depicted blocks and the appearance of the illustrated blocks match more closely the written disclosure of the application as filed on April 28, 2004.

The present amendment contains no new matter.

If the Examiner has any concerns regarding this Second Supplemental Amendment, she is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or indicate such concerns in a responsive Action.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon entry of this Second Supplemental Amendment, Applicants believe that the application including each of claims 1-74 are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

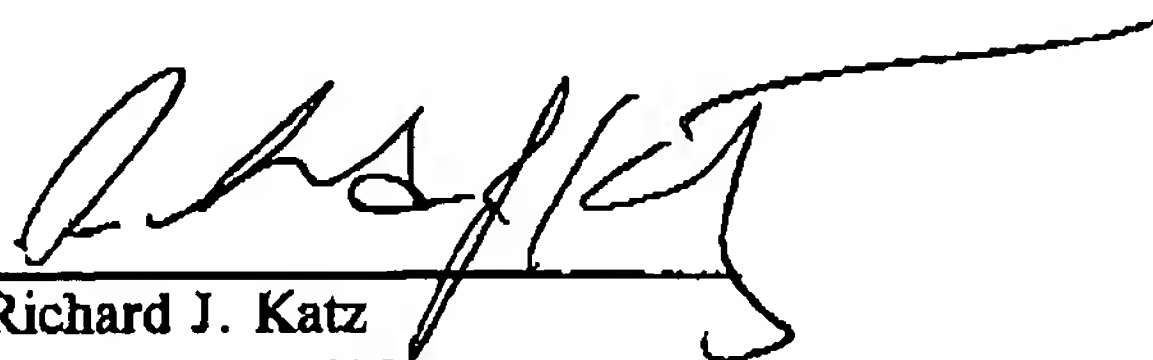
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If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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